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POOR MEDICAL SERVICE IN TADZHIK SSR

For the past 3 years the number of doctors in the SSR has been gradually increasing. The various rural medical organizations are among the best staffed in the USSR. However, they are far from being the best qualified since very few of the doctors are interested in improving themselves by attending the various refresher and specialization courses available. For the most part, the work of the doctors is haphazard. Either they do not care to make use of or are unacquainted with the services which clinical, pathological, and other

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laboratories offer. Again, it is the fault of the Ministry of Health for not educating the doctors properly. None of the hospitals or medical organizations seem to have any conception of the urgent medical problems of the day. There is no doubt that the Ministry has good intentions; it intended to send 10 phthisiatrists to specialization schools but actually sent only two. This same pattern has repeated over and over again. The only factor preventing a complete breakdown is the remarkably fine job being done by certain individuals who in spite of the inefficiency of the Ministry are able to turn out a fair number of specialists who operate their hospitals efficiently and who treat their patients in a manner worthy of a Soviet doctor.

The apothecary network must be improved and many other aspects of the prophylactic and therapeutic network are in need of reorganization and improvement; however Lavrov, the Minister of Health seems unconcerned. The people of Tadzhikistan are demanding a change in the present medical administration.

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